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**REMARKS**

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 15-19 and 21-25 are pending. Claims 15 and 21 have been amended to more particularly point out applicant's invention.

Claims 14-17, 19, 21-23, and 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Goldman et al., EP Patent Publication No. 0 588 101 A2 ("Goldman"). In order for there to be anticipation, each and every element of the claimed invention must be present in a single prior reference. Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Goldman.

As described in the Specification, one aspect of the present invention relates to recording caller ID information in association with an answering machine and transmitting it to a remote location, such as at a call control system local to a retrieving party, to allow making a call to that number. More particularly, caller ID information can be transmitted to a remote location when an answering machine is accessed remotely. That is, the system can send the caller ID information to a call control system more closely associated with the remote caller location than the answering machine location.

Thus, claim 15 has been amended to recite "wherein said call control system includes a Caller ID storage and retrieval unit configured to cause the transmitted calling party number included in the received Caller ID data to be called by said call control system, said call control system being a call control system most closely connected to the remote caller;" and claim 21 has been amended to recite "wherein said transmitting comprises transmitting the recorded Caller ID data to an apparatus in a remote call control system wherein said call control system includes a Caller ID storage and retrieval unit configured to cause the transmitted calling party number included in the received Caller ID data to be called by said call control system, said call control system being a call control system most closely connected to the remote caller."

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In contrast, as discussed in response to the previous Official Action, while Goldman apparently transfers an ANI number to a caller as a header in a voice message retrieval message, the message header number that was transferred remotely does not appear to be used to call back the corresponding number. Instead, the ANI number is separately transferred to a local "Callback Number register 80" which is then used by the local PBX to "transfer" the call to the calling in party. (See, Col. 17, lines 3-11). The remotely transferred number, however, is not itself used to call back the message leaving party. Only the local number at the Callback Number register 80 is so used.

Moreover, Goldman does not provide a remote call control system including features as generally recited in the claims at issue. The callback number register 80 is local to the answering service. Goldman contains no hint that the number can be transferred to a call control system close to the remote caller.

Paragraph 5 of the Official Action states "Because Goldman teaches placing the ANI number of the original caller party in the Callback Number register 80...and because Goldman directly connects the subscriber to the original calling party 31 by using the number stored in the Callback Number register 80..., Goldman discloses that the remotely transferred number is itself used to cal back the message leaving party."

As discussed above, however, the Callback Number register 80 is neither remote to the answering service nor "most close" to the calling party. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Claims 18 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldman in view of Kang et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,094,075 ("Kang"). Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Goldman or Kang, either singly or in combination. Goldman has been discussed above. Kang is relied on for allegedly teaching the "nifty feature" of a

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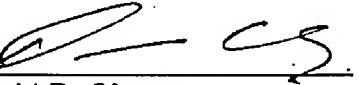
wireless carrier system. However, like Goldman, Kang fails to teach, suggest or imply a remote call control system or use of the transferred number to make the return call, as generally recited in the claims at issue. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

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